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American literature in the departments of which it treats is given in the same careful, detailed way as the European, our mineralogists, geologists, and palæontologists will find in it the only annual digest of discoveries and of new works to be had in the language; and it is for their interest, perhaps, to patronize the undertaking of the editor. It is partly supported by a grant from the British Association, but still needs a larger list of subscribers for its maintenance.

WINCHELL'S RECONCILIATION OF SCIENCE AND RELIGION.⁴—While there may be an occasional antagonism between scientists and theologians, due mainly, perhaps, to mutual ignorance of each other's aims and to quite different methods of study, few will admit that science and religion are at variance, for one is based upon the other. Superstition is based on ignorance. The greater our advance in science the more will crude dogmas and superstitions be eliminated from our religious conceptions. Science is only another name for human knowledge. Morality and religion rest on a scientific foundation, namely, a thorough knowledge of the laws of health, of physiology, and of psychology. The truly scientific mind has above all things a reverence for truth, and pursues knowledge for its own sake, regardless of consequences to preconceived notions or dogmas. Such a spirit will in the end serve only to strengthen the foundations of a pure morality and a true religion.

The essays are by an expert in geology, and a theologian as well, and therefore the volume is an authoritative one on this absorbing theme.

JOHNSON'S CYCLOPÆDIA.²—The fourth volume of this compact and useful cyclopædia well compares with the three that have preceded it, and the work as it now stands, from a scientific point of view at least, is quite as fresh and timely as could be desired. While the literary and biographical articles are excellent, especial stress has, as may be imagined from the names of the editors, been given to physical and natural science. Most of the zoölogical articles in the present volume have been contributed by Prof. Theodore Gill, though a lengthy and well illustrated article on sponges is contributed by Prof. Hyatt. Botanical articles by Profs. Gray, Goodale and Farlow, geological articles by Prof. Newberry, and palæontological articles by Prof. O. C. Marsh, attest the freshness and accuracy of the contributions, and the judgment shown by the editors in selecting the leading specialists of the country as collaborators.

⁴ *Reconciliation of Science and Religion*. By ALEXANDER WINCHELL, LL.D. New York: Harper & Brothers. 1877. 12mo, pp. 403.

² Johnson's New Universal Cyclopædia: a scientific and popular treasury of useful knowledge. Illustrated with Maps, Plans and Engravings. Editors-in-chief, F. A. P. Barnard and Arnold Guyot. Complete in 4 vols. Vol. IV., 1878. A. J. Johnson & Son, New York. 8° pp. 1760.